WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image forming apparatus comprising:

check means for checking quality of an image to be formed; and

determination means for performing permission determination of image formation using different criteria in accordance with a check by said check means.

2. An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said check means checks whether to form a high-quality image.

3. An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said determination means performs the determination on the basis of a state of said image forming apparatus which may influence image formation.

4. An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said determination means performs the determination using different criteria for at least one item of a remaining toner for forming an image, service life of a photosensitive drum for forming an image, whether a tray for outputting an image formed on a sheet is full, a predicted density value of an image to be formed, and remaining sheets for forming an image.

5.   An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said determination means determines whether to permit or inhibit image formation.

6.   An apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising display means for performing display output based on determination by said determination means.

7.   An image forming apparatus comprising:

reception means for receiving an image;

check means for checking an attribute of a received image; and

determination means for performing permission determination of image formation using different criteria in accordance with a check by said check means.

8.   An apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said check means checks whether the received image is an image to be charged.

9.   An apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said check means checks whether the received image is an image requiring high-quality image formation.

10.   An apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said determination means performs the determination on

the basis of a state of said image forming apparatus which may influence image formation.

11. An apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said determination means performs the determination using different criteria for at least one item of a remaining toner for forming an image, service life of a photosensitive drum for forming an image, whether a tray for outputting an image formed on a sheet is full, a predicted density value of an image to be formed, and remaining sheets for forming an image.

12. An apparatus according to claim 7, further comprising display means for performing display output based on determination by said determination means.

13. An apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said display means causes a device which transmitted the received image to perform the display.

14. An image forming apparatus comprising:

check means for checking an attribute of an image to be formed;

identification means for identifying a state of said image forming apparatus which may influence image formation; and

control means for selectively performing, in

accordance with a check by said check means and
identification by said identification means, an
operation of performing a warning about image formation
and accepting an image formation request, an operation

5   of accepting an image formation request without
performing any warning about the image formation, and
an operation of not accepting any image formation
request.

10   15. A method of controlling an image forming
apparatus, comprising:
    the check step of checking quality of an image to
be formed; and
    the determination step of performing permission

15   determination of image formation using different
criteria in accordance with a check in the check step.

    16. A method of controlling an image forming
apparatus, comprising:

20   the reception step of receiving an image;
    the check step of checking an attribute of a
received image; and
    the determination step of performing permission
determination of image formation using different

25   criteria in accordance with a check in the check step.

    17. A method of controlling an image forming

apparatus, comprising:

the check step of checking an attribute of an image to be formed;

the identification step of identifying a state of

5 said image forming apparatus which may influence image formation; and

the control step of selectively performing, in accordance with a check in the check step and identification in the identification step, an operation

10 of performing a warning about image formation and accepting an image formation request, an operation of accepting an image formation request without performing any warning about the image formation, and an operation of not accepting any image formation request.

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18. A storage medium which stores a program for controlling an image forming apparatus, the program comprising program codes of:

the check step of checking quality of an image to

20 be formed; and

the determination step of performing permission determination of image formation using different criteria in accordance with a check in the check step.

25 19. A storage medium which stores a program for controlling an image forming apparatus, the program comprising program codes of:

the reception step of receiving an image;

the check step of checking an attribute of a received image; and

the determination step of performing permission

5   determination of image formation using different

criteria in accordance with a check in the check step.

20. A storage medium which stores a program for controlling an image forming apparatus, the program

10   comprising program codes of:

the check step of checking an attribute of an image to be formed;

the identification step of identifying a state of said image forming apparatus which may influence image

15   formation; and

the control step of selectively performing, in accordance with a check in the check step and identification in the identification step, an operation of performing a warning about image formation and

20   accepting an image formation request, an operation of accepting an image formation request without performing any warning about the image formation, and an operation of not accepting any image formation request.